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We are thankful for:

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Check Channel 13 TV for winter closing notices...

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Children/Youth departments will sponsor an "All-You-Can-Eat" Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21 at 6p. Come and eat your fill of pancakes, sausage, & bacon. As a special treat on this night we have a great **MAGIC SHOW** in store for everyone. This will be a great night of fellowship, fun and cooking up lots of fat before the Lenten season begins.



Natalie Worley

Safe and dependable childcare is available every Sunday morning for Sunday School and Worship hours for younger children.

Natalie Worley is our paid staff attendant on hand with another volunteer helper each Sunday.



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THE MESSENGER

OAK HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February, 2012
 Volume 32, Issue 2

“Showing God’s Love to All”



All Are Welcome!

Regular Sunday Schedule
 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Nursery Provided Each Sunday for both Sunday School and Worship hours

COSTA RICA 2012!

A mission trip to Costa Rica is planned for August 11-18, 2012. Primarily for adults, this trip will involve helping a local Methodist church to build needed rooms for spiritual growth and religious education.

There is still room for persons who might wish to attend! While the cost is about \$1500 (\$100 deposit included is already due), we are looking at some fundraising efforts to help defray the cost a bit.

Three persons from Oak Hill are already committed to make the trip. If there are others who want to go, please notify Joe Tarpley just as soon as possible; in the next few days we will have to close out the opportunity to sign up.

A fundraising meal will be held at Oak Hill on Wednesday night, March 21. More information on the meal a little later.

SEEKING LAY VISITORS

Oak Hill is in need of teams of 2 who will call on "first time visitors" to our church services. We are simply asking you to stop by a visitor's home within 24 hours of their visit to our church to say "thank you for coming." You do not have to go into their home; you only have to say "thanks for coming; come again".



Each team of 2 would be assigned to cover an entire month. If we had 10 or 12 people committed, over a year's time each person's effort would be very minimal. This is something that is critically important to the life of our church. It is one of our greatest current needs. A sign-up sheet will be available for you if you are willing to help this way.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Kathy Parker
- 4—Davis Fender
- 6—Jasmine Whitener
- 8—Kenieth Brocklesby
- 9—Vickie Fender
Ben Miller
- 11—Dave Bates
- 14—Ben McCulloch
- 18—Ruth Brooks
- 25—Teresa Cordell
- 26—Melanie Goodson

ANNIVERSARY

- 11—Paul and Teresa Cordell



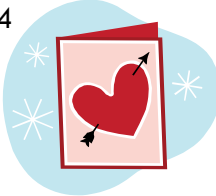


Oak Hill UMC

Regular Sunday Schedule
10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship

FEBRUARY 2012

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Nursery Provided Each Sunday for both Sunday School and Worship hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9—Quilters 7—Choir Practice	2 7—Boy Scouts	3	4
5 Scouting Sunday 12—Scouting Lunch	6 6:30pm—CRUD @ Wild Wings on Biltmore Ave.	7 7—Worship Comm.	8 9—Quilters 7—Choir Practice	9 7—Boy Scouts	10	11 Scout "Lost Sea" trip—back Sunday
12 9:30am—"2nd Sunday" Breakfast 5:30pm-Valentine Dinner 	13 7:30pm—Admin. Council	14 	15 9—Quilters 6—Family Night Supper 7—Choir Practice	16 7—Boy Scouts	17 Youth Lock-in @ Francis Asbury 	18 Youth Lock-in @ Francis Asbury
19 Holy Communion 4pm-Steadfast House Meal	20 7-UMW	21 "Fat Tuesday" Pancake Supper & Magic Show 7:00pm Financial Peace University	22 9—Quilters ASH WEDNESDAY Service at 6:30pm 7:30pm—Choir Practice	23 7—Boy Scouts	24 Youth Trip to Gatlinburg Returning 2/26	25 8—10am ABCCM Pancake Breakfast @ FATZ
26 7:30am—UMM Breakfast	27	28	29 9—Quilters 7—Choir Practice			

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EQUIPPING TRAINING MODULE 4

Tuesday, Feb. 14th from 9 to 11:30am
At Francis Asbury UMC

Or

Tuesday, Feb. 28th from 6 to 8:30pm
At Skyland UMC



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY RETURNS!

Once again, Oak Hill is pleased to offer Financial Peace University—a life-changing program that teaches you to achieve

your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. The 13-week program will be facilitated by Gayle Young, and it will begin on Tuesday night, February 21 (following the supper/magic show) at 7pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and attain financial peace!

www.daveramsey.com has a link to sign up for the course or contact Joe/Gail.

HOMINY VALLEY WELLNESS PROGRAMS

A consortium of pastors, churches and wellness advocates have been meeting recently to discuss ways to help individuals improve their sense of physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Part of the results of these conversations have resulted in the a series of “Wellness Programs” for 2012. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12-12:20p at Francis Asbury UMC, you may experience first-hand these wellness presentations.

TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 15, Heart Healthy—differences in heart attach symptoms between men and women
March 21st, Walk to Health—learn how to walk for optimal benefit

In Nursing Care:

Asheville Manor
– Juanita Miller
Brian Center – Lois Riddle
Pisgah Manor—Bill King,
Care Partners Rehab
—Rachel Hipps



In the Military:

Jason Byers David Lunsford Odell Owen
Brian Whitener Benjamin Crary
Sam Ramos Brian Cascio
Jim Whitener Grant Meadow
Ryan Whitted Dustin Wise Tom Cairnes

**2012 FLOWER CALENDAR
IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX
FOR YOUR
SPECIAL OCCASION
REMEMBERANCES
Sign up for your date(s) soon!**



Looking up 2012!



PISGAH VALLEY WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS SOMETHING FOR YOU

Now through February 29, the Pisgah Valley Wellness Center will waive the registration fee for new members and provide you with a free pass. The wellness center provides a heated therapy pool, spa, dry sauna and a wide variety of Nautilus Cardio & Strength training equipment. Free passes are in the pastor's office.



A MESSAGE FROM JOE...



As I flip through the channels throughout the week, I often stop and listen to various news stations to catch up on the latest. These days I am increasingly aware of the disconnect between the news anchors' smiles and the bad economic news that is presented. Just recently another astounding number of jobs were lost and, subsequently, announced on the news. On one news station...cute mockery followed that report of job loss. Such mockery does not work for me. Of course, there is no need for me to be disgruntled with the messenger, but it is interesting that such reports today are offered in a rather “business-as-usual” style when increasingly the situation is anything but. What are faithful people to do?

I think we need to think more about God and worship and pray. That may sound a bit arrogant. I am not so naïve as to think that those who think about God and pray are any better off than those who do not. I have talked with a few folks who have lost jobs or are facing the great possibility of a job loss. Eventually, our conversation will turn to the spiritual aspect of one's experience. From a theological point of view, I believe that God is present with us; nothing separates us from God's love; and in a way we cannot now understand that love will sustain us no matter what. That's what I believe! Beyond that, I don't know much more. I am sure that many praying people today will NOT find jobs. Our faith does not assure us that when we pray we will get. What our faith does assure us of is that there no circumstance in which we find

ourselves where God will not also be. It won't hurt us to get honest about this...it's a big leap where our faith is concerned...but I'm happy to sit down and meet with anyone who is having difficulty with this understanding.

And the second thing for our consideration: worship and prayer. As we practice worship and prayer, we are, I believe, cradled in a way, loved in a way that is just too deep for words to describe. I am a believer in worship and prayer opportunities beyond the 11a hour on Sunday. I don't know today what that might look like at Oak Hill, but I am wondering. I am wondering about mid-week prayer circles or mid-week worship that will remind us of these truths to which I refer. We may not have many persons to attend mid-week opportunities for prayer and worship, but the fact that it would exist day in/day out might very well be important. For all of us, present or not, the prayers are said, the liturgy is enacted and the mystery of God's desire to be in communion with us is acknowledged. We're not talking about conjuring up magic as a response to our daily situations and issues...just a moment from week to week or during the week spent in the presence of God.

These are the things that will truly matter in the midst of our current-day circumstances. Thinking about God and praying to God may not sound like much to some, but, for me, it is everything.

Joe



FROM THE OAK HILL FINANCE TEAM

1/1/12	\$4,532.00
1/8/12	3,847.00
1/15/12	1,866.05
1/22/12	4,498.00
1/29/12	2,673.25
Monthly total offering as of 1/22/12: \$17,416.25	
Budget offering yearly cumulative figure as of 1/29/12 \$17,416.25	

Weekly budget need to meet budget: \$3,108.27
 Total budgeted for 2011: \$

Take a good look at our wonderful new parking lot and church roof on Sunday! Then, walk over to the playground and see the new roof on the picnic shelter. We are so thankful for all who have contributed to these projects. Here's the summary of the costs:

Expenses	
Parking Lot paving:	\$ 24,631.00
Church Roof:	37,685.00
Picnic Shelter Roof:	4,406.95
Total cost:	\$ 66,722.95

Contributions	
As of January 22, 2012:	\$ 55,504.83

Remaining:	\$ 11,218.12
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We're almost there! We took out a loan to cover the deficit so we could pay Bob Balken Roofing in full. We expect a final payment from the insurance company to pay out our hail claim from the storm in the summer of 2011. However, the insurance check will not cover the full cost remaining on the parking lot and roof projects. Please prayerfully consider making a building fund contribution so we can fully defray the cost of these improvements.



BEFORE



DURING



FINAL BEAUTIFUL ROOF!

5 DEDICATIONS—ONE SPECIAL SERVICE
 Habitat for Humanity will dedicate 5 completed houses on Thursday, March 1st at 5:00pm in the Carney Place Neighborhood. Please plan to attend and give support and blessings to those who worked on these projects as well as those who now live there.

SEEKING TUTORS FOR AREA SCHOOLS

The Enka schools are looking for mentors or tutors of children. Anyone wanting to provide a positive influence and support of children in the Enka School District can contact one of the representatives listed here from our Congregations for Children Council (C4C). That individual works closely with the School Partner Coordinator at a designated school. The tutor session lasts about 30 minutes with a specific child. Allowing a child to read to you is very helpful in the child's developing stronger reading skills and self confidence.

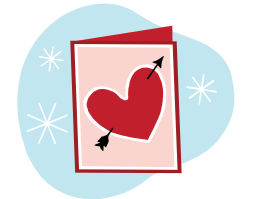
- Gladys Miller for Candler Elementary (670-9073)
- Peggy Drane for Sand Hill-Venable Elem. (670-9979)
- Tiffany Parker for Hominy Valley Elem. (667-2494)
- Karen Scarborough for Pisgah Elem. (667-5012)
- Sandra Spear for Enka High (777-3636)



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

One of our best kept secrets is the wonderful camping experience at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville. There are camps for ages 7 to 18 (both day camp and residential). There are experiences of fishing, mountain biking, white water, rock climbing and much more. Camps run June 11-August 10. Early registration (going on now) means discounts! For a complete brochure, see Joe today.

The Hominy Valley Welcome Table is a welcome table for anyone in the area. A hot lunch is served each Wednesday from 11:30a to 1p. Housed at Francis Asbury UMC, this is not just a ministry of one local church but of many. We are being asked to provide desserts the last Wednesday of the month. A sign up sheet will be made available each month if you are able to help (just jot down your name and indicate what you might provide). You may drop your desserts off at the church by 10:30a on Wednesday or deliver it to Francis Asbury Church (or we can arrange to have someone pick it up at your house). And, remember, everyone is welcome to enjoy this delicious meal. In fact, Oak Hill ought to have a table full of people every week! Let's try...



The Oak Hill Youth Group cordially invites you to attend A Valentine Banquet Sunday, February 12, 5:30p Fellowship Hall

Advanced reservations encouraged; Donations accepted

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Italian Breads, Desserts